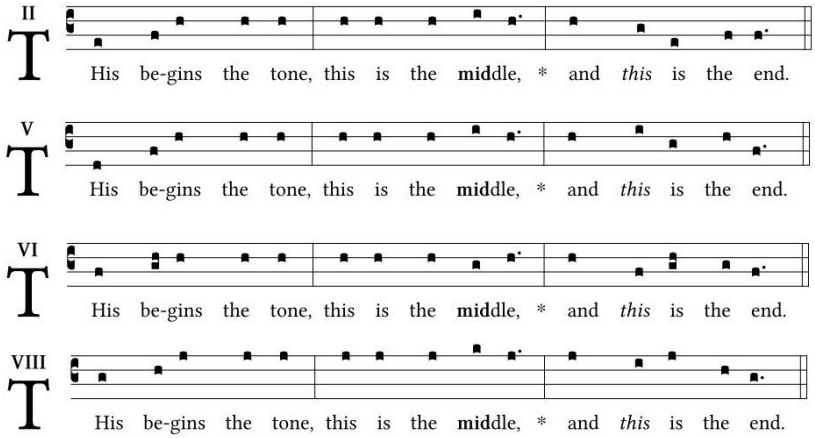
Benedictus

Luke 1:68-79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Cantor — Antiphon (see readings sheet)

East Choir — Blessed be the Lord, the God of Is**ra**el; *
he has come to his people *and* set them free.

West Choir — He has raised up for us a mighty **sa**vior, *
born of the house of his *ser*vant David.

East Choir — Through his holy prophets he promised **of** old *
that he would save us from our enemies,
from the hands of *all* who hate us.

West Choir — He promised to show mercy to our **fa**thers, *
and to remember his ho*ly* covenant.

East Choir — This was the oath he swore to our father Ab**ra**ham: *
to set us free from the hands of *our* enemies,
free to worship him with**out** fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight all the *days* of our life.

West Choir — You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the **Most** High; *
for you will go before the Lord to *pre*pare his way,
to give his people knowledge of sal**va**tion *
by the forgive*ness* of their sins.

East Choir — In the tender compassion of **our** God *
the dawn from on high shall *break* upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow **of** death, *
and to guide our feet into *the* way of peace.

Full Choir — Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy **Spi**rit. *
profound bow — As it was in the beginning is now,
and ever shall be world with*out* end. Amen. *Al*leluia.

Full Choir — Antiphon